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Ottawa Orders Special Japanese Registration

No Military Service for Nisei

(From the News-Herald)

OTTAWA—The government moved yesterday to check anti-Oriental demonstrations in British Columbia with an announcement of plans for early registration of all of that province's Japanese. Canadians of Oriental origin will be exempted from military service, it was announced simultaneously.

Mayor Fred Hume, of New Westminster, was appointed as chairman of a committee to supervise administration of the new policy in connection with Orientals.

Other members of the committee appointed yesterday are Professor F. H. Angus of the University of British Columbia; Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead, of the R.C.M.P.; Lieut.-Col. Macgregor Macintosh, M.L.A., and Lieut.-Col. A. W. Sparling, D.S.O.

Convinced Of Loyalty

The prime minister re-asserted the government's conviction that the "great majority of people of Oriental racial origin who are now in Canada are thoroughly loyal to their adopted, or in the case of the large percentage who were born in Canada, their native land."

"The government is further satisfied," King said, "that all necessary measures have been and are being taken by various military and police authorities to deal with any disloyal or subversive activities that may arise."

This committee found and the government agrees, the prime minister declared that "the most serious danger in the British Columbia situation is that arising from ill-informed attacks against the loyalty and integrity of the Oriental population.

King added that "fortunately public minded organizations and newspapers realizing the unfairness and danger of raising suspicion on mere rumor and hearsay, sought the facts before serious developments occurred."

In this connection he stated that the committee and the government had been greatly pleased by the temperate and reasonable attitude adopted by the newspapers of the province.

No Subversive Act

"The Government is determined," King emphasized, "that every step shall be taken to see that no subversive act will be committed by any resident of the province and that if any such act is committed the full penalty of the law shall be in-

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Community Greets Registration Plan

VANCOUVER. — Generally favourable comment was heard throughout the city immediately following the government's announcement of a plan of special registration of all Japanese in Canada.

Although no official statements were made, the attitude of the community was well represented by the National JCCL which pledged its co-operation in a telegram dispatched to Ottawa Wednesday night. It read:

"Japanese Canadian Citizens League, representing British subjects of Japanese origin appreciate spirit which resulted in announcement of special registration of Japanese residents in Canada. Prepared at any time to co-operate fully. Hope scheme will allay unnecessary fear and suspicion regarding Japanese in Canada."

Exemption from military training was received in more varied fashion, some quarters welcoming the news, others disapproving.

The attitude of young men liable under the terms of the present draft, however, was somewhat resentful. As one youth put it to The New Canadian:

"I think I'll move. They don't appreciate us here."

Some parents, on the other hand, were relieved that their sons would not be liable for military service.

Some question has now arisen as to what policy will be followed in regard to basic military training of Japanese students at the University.

The personnel of the committee charged with the supervision of the new policy, too, was subject to favourable comment. It was noted especially that a very bitter critic of the Japanese a few years back was named to the committee in the person of Lieut.-Col. Macgregor MacIntosh.

On The Newsfront

Japanese Entry Wins in Pasadena Rose Festival

PASADENA, Cal. — The Central Japanese Association entry in the annual Tournament of Roses parade here won the theme prize as the entry best depicting the parade theme, "America in Flowers."

The Japanese float, carrying five of Southern California's most beautiful Niseiette girls, won the acclaim of two million people who witnessed the pageant of colours on New Year's Day.

Urges Overseas Japanese To Work for Peace

TOKYO.—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka declared Sunday in an international broadcast to Japanese that "I wish you to co-operate with the people in whichever country you reside."

He said Japan was pursuing a course that would expand the sphere of co-operation among nations, and help each nation achieve its own rightful place in the family of sovereign states.

Pleasure Travel to U.S. Strictly Banned

OTTAWA. — Under new regulations now in force permits are necessary for any resident in Canada to travel to the U.S., whether he wishes to take any money with him or not. Permits are not granted for "pleasure" travel, but in proper cases the Foreign Exchange Control Board will grant permits for educational purposes, attendance at conventions of recognized organizations, and in other special cases.

Open Retail Market to Orientals, Says Commissioner

VANCOUVER. — A revision of the policy in which Orientals are now excluded from the city's retail produce market was suggested in his annual report to the City by W. J. McGuigan, market commissioner.

Such exclusion is detrimental to the success of the market, he submitted. Vancouver is the only city on the coast in which any nationality or race is barred.

Berry Farmers Seek New Markets

NEW WESTMINSTER. — Federal Government aid to find new markets for strawberries and raspberries in place of those lost through wartime conditions is sought in a resolution adopted by the eighth annual convention of the B. C. Coast Growers' Association held here Saturday.

In the resolution delegates pointed out that the war has curtailed the normal markets for processed strawberries and raspberries. Acreage of these berries has been increased in recent years and as a result there is an enormous surplus which the domestic market cannot absorb, either as fresh or processed product.

Importation of foreign non-essential fruits and vegetables was protested in another resolution, which urged their replacement by Canadian products.

A resolution was also passed asking for federal investigation of recent increases in fertilizer prices to determine if these are justified.

Among executive members elected were Y. Yamaga of Haney, vice-president, and Z. Inouye of Surrey, executive member.

Amateur Vocalists Enthusiastic!

Two Separate Sparkling Programs for Nisei Talent Revue

VANCOUVER. — Over one hundred amateur vocalists and other artists, including the best known Nisei instrumentalists, dancers, singers and elocutionists will contribute to the two entirely separate programs of the Nisei Talent Revue, to be presented at the Japanese Hall, January 18 and 19, it was announced this week by program chairman Cecil Okawara and general chairman George Ishiwara in releasing the entry list for the amateur contest.

So great has been the response toward the concert, proceeds of which will be devoted to a convalescent home fund, that it has necessitated the staging of two entirely different programs at each performance. Half the amateur list in both English and Japanese sections will be heard on each day.

Judging will be on a basis of points, with the score registered on the applause meter counting for 50 per cent. Five other unnamed judges in each section will award points on the basis of 10 per cent.

Frank Nakamura will assume the burdens of the genial master of ceremonies at each showing.

Novel and unique scenic and lighting effects are also being carried out under the direction of Harry Shibuya, art director.

Officials Named

Officials named at a meeting of the concert committee this week include: Kunio Shimizu, treasurer; Yoshio Matsui, stage director; Shota Kondo, publicity; Seiji Onizuka, refreshments; Yoshio Terada, transportation; Shigeo Hayami, applause meter technician; and Kazuko Kagawa and Lily Fujita, head ushers.

Tickets are already selling rapidly, and those anxious to

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Dr. George A. Ishiwara who, as general chairman of the Nisei Talent Revue, promises the most outstanding concert ever to be presented before the local community.

Notice

With this issue The New Canadian is launched upon its third year of publication as the all-English "Voice of the Nisei" publication. The regular date of issue during the winter months will be Thursday evening, so that contributors and correspondents are asked to hand in write-ups before Wednesday noon.

Once again we wish to stress that we welcome news write-ups of activities of every Nisei organization in every part of the province, as well as letters, articles and literary contributions of general interest to the Niseis. To every Nisei who is at all interested in writing and who believes we can be of assistance in criticism, we extend a special invitation to submit manuscripts.

The New Canadian

Voice of the Second Generation

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A paper published in and for second generation in Canada, and devoted to their welfare as citizens of Canada.

Loyalty and Citizenship

IT is with relief and rejoicing that the Japanese community will receive the statement of the Federal Government that it is convinced of the loyalty of the great majority of us to Canada. It would seem that our earnest attempts to aid the nation in the war, our frequent declarations of loyalty, and the support of many Occidental friends have finally vindicated our position.

We have every reason, too, to be thankful from the bottom of our hearts that swiftly-moving international events have not already forced the Federal Government to adopt a hasty and ill-conceived policy, which could be justified only upon grounds of urgent expediency. Its decision to undertake special registration and to exempt Japanese Canadians from military service was arrived at only after due investigation and deliberation by a special commission. We believe that it is a wholly sincere attempt to meet an admittedly grave problem, and for the present it is up to us to be content with that.

But it would be an irreparably grave mistake on our part simply to accept the Prime Minister's statement and consider the question settled. It is, and we must not forget it, only a temporary settlement in tune with the times, a stop-gap solution to the fundamental issue — the question of our citizenship here in Canada.

Our presence may be tolerated and our loyalty accepted. But these are not enough. We can never forget that we have before us the task of winning complete acceptance as full, free and equal citizens of Canada — neither exempt from duties nor excluded from privileges. That indeed is the essence of our problem here; it always has been and always will be until the only right and just solution is found.

When each of us can stand up before our fellows, and declare with passionate pride and conviction, "I am a Canadian, free, equal, honourable—blessed with its privileges, and blessed by its duties!" then and only then shall we be fully content.

On that day, this newspaper will have no further need of existence.

Special Registration

Perhaps the first reaction of Japanese Canadians to the announcement by Prime Minister Mackenzie King of a special registration of all Japanese residents in Canada will be one of irritation and resentment. On the surface it would appear to a "discrimination - conscious" community that we are being singled out as a racial group for such registration; and that the plan is a wholly unnecessary duplication of the recent National Registration just six months ago.

Sober reflection upon Mr. King's announcement, however, will disclose that the benefits to be gained from such registration will more than compensate for the expenditure of time, energy and expense it will undoubtedly require.

The mere fact of the registration itself should go far toward soothing admittedly jittery nerves here on the Pacific Coast. Properly carried out it will help materially in disclosing a truer picture of the Japanese question in British Columbia. We have declared before, and do not hesitate to re-affirm that declaration here and now, that we have nothing to fear from the truth.

Much of the suspicion and ill-feeling directed against us, particularly since the signing of the tripartite agreement last September, has been founded more upon ignorance and hysteria rather than upon any reasonable grounds. Hence any plan that would add to public enlightenment, or to public confidence, is one we should gladly welcome.

In respect to the question of illegal entry the Federal Government is probably well aware as we are that the charges so freely hurled in public are so much political skullduggery. The report of the Keenleyside Commission which thoroughly investigated the whole situation was tabled in the House of Commons only two years ago. Special registration will confirm this report, and give us ample evidence with which to confound our numerous critics.

The Prime Minister, it is well-known, is not the sort of man to be swayed by prejudice or irrational emotion; and his knowledge and understanding of the Japanese question goes as far back as the anti-Oriental riots of 1907. We are convinced of the sincerity of this step, and for one wholeheartedly support it. We have nothing to lose, but everything to gain from such special registration.

Convalescent Home

WHEN the shekels from the forthcoming Nisei Talent Revue have been collected and counted, the first step will have been taken in the fulfillment of a long-felt want in the community.

No one genuinely interested in the welfare of the Japanese community will have noted with graver concern our high rate of tuberculosis. Despite all the good work of the Welfare Federation, and the clinic, of doctors, nurses and public health agencies, the "white plague" still takes an unduly high toll of victims amongst us.

One of the contributing factors to this deplorable situation is the lack of adequate, modern hospital facilities in the community. And that very lack is the most disturbing challenge facing us in our public health today.

The Nisei Talent Revue is an indirect answer to that challenge, for the proceeds therefrom will be turned into a fund to establish a convalescent home. In this home patients discharged from the hospital proper will have the opportunity to regain their strength and health before going out into this dog-eat-dog competitive world of ours.

In too many cases up to the present time, patients have been discharged from the hospital, St. Joseph's in particular, only to bounce right back in again after suffering a relapse. The proposed convalescent home is to be the community's answer to this disturbing problem.

From all reports the program arranged by the hard-working committee promises to surpass in artistry and interest every previous concert yet presented.

Young and aspiring amateurs have responded nobly to the call, and will make their appearance on the stage determined to hold the audience spellbound. Accomplished artists with well-established reputations have been equally enthusiastic in offering their support.

Now it's up to John Q. Public to do his part. Everybody's counting on you, John!

Letters To The Editor

Slum Or Otherwise?

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I had the pleasure of attending the recent debate between the Nisei students of the University of Washington and the University of British Columbia. The resolution was, "Resolved that the Japanese family should emerge from the Nihonmachi and seek a domicile among the white families. The first speaker for the affirmative, Minoru Yatabe, irritated my feelings when he referred to the Japanese community as a "slum."

I consider this an exasperating insult to the community coming from a Nisei on the platform representing the more intelligent class of Niseis, the University students. Apparently this speaker does not realize or know the meaning of the word, "slum." In Webster's T. C. Dictionary it states: "Slum, a street or alley inhabited by the poor or by vicious and criminal classes." I can correctly state that these conditions do not exist in the Japanese community.

I would like to point out to the speaker that the present standard of living has greatly improved compared to the community of years ago, for which credit is due to the ever-progressing ideals and customs of the Nisei in every family. We are gradually breaking the backward ideals and customs of the Isseis and bringing into life, a broader and more fitting standard of occidental ideals and customs. To all Niseis who are forever striving to achieve a better standard, it is very outrageous for a Nisei student to inform Nisei audiences that the Japanese community is a "slum."

DISGUSTED AUDIENCE.

Vancouver.

Errorless Issue!

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: Just a few lines to draw your attention to several errors that I've noticed in nearly every issue of The New Canadian.

I am not writing this letter so that it will be published in the "Letters to the Editor Column" but for the sole reason that I know you would like to eliminate every error that you possibly can.

The errors I am mentioning are as follows: In the issue of December 13, I noticed that seven or eight lines from the "Bloedel Banner" strayed over to the "Surrey Sunshine" column. Also in another issue there was a line in the "Weekly Whirligig" that was inserted upside down.

Here's to an errorless issue.

—AN ARDENT READER.

Duncan, B. C.

● Editor's Note: We have taken the liberty of publishing this letter as a mark of our appreciation for the keen interest taken by the writer, and also because it raises a point we have long wished to explain to our readers. Most of the mistakes in The New Canadian arise because the editorial staff handles the work of newspaper make-up and composing of type. We do this in order to cut down expenses of publication, and not being professional printers, rarely succeed in turning out a perfect job. For our mistakes, then, we beg the indulgence of our readers, but resolve in this New Year to guard against mistakes to the best of our ability.

Outstanding Nisei

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: While not wishing to detract from the fine contribution made to the "Nisei Cause" by the two gentlemen named in your special issue of December 25, I would like to nominate a group of Nisei, which in my opinion has made the finest contribution of 1940, namely the staff of The New Canadian.

Day in and day out these young people have sacrificed time, energy and personal liberties in bringing to us all items of interest, politically, economically and socially. Their faith in the Nisei is unbounded. In my opinion they rate the highest honors and deserve our undying support.

JIN IDE.

Vancouver, B. C.

● Ed. Note: Thanks for the bouquets, Jin. We sincerely hope we can live up to them in the year ahead.

City . . .

The city [illegible]
About me, nor [illegible]
To hem me in, nor [illegible]
When sunlight fails . . .
In curving brightness [illegible]
The clanging noise and roar
Of street cannot bear [illegible]
With deafening shout.
When somewhere, hidden, one lonely [illegible]
Can sing the day to dusk until
The city is not city, but
Wide space grown still.

Toyo Sugimoto, in the Seattle Co[illegible]

Humanitarianism The Theme Of Japan's Reading

By Jiro Nagaoki

(Excerpts from an article in "The [illegible]" quarterly publication of St. Paul's University, Tokyo.)

It was in the fall of the year of 1938, a certain unknown woman doctor published a book called "Spring of the Isles." It is a report dedicated to Dr. Mitsuda, who has been devoting herself for the past ten years as the head of the Nagashima Aiseien, a national hospital for lepers. The story tells how the author went about from home to home hidden among the isles, seeking out those who were infected, giving medical examinations and pursuading many to enter the hospitals.

The public began to take notice of her book in the early part of 1939 which turned out to be that year's best seller, reaching a record of 186,000 copies. It is presumed that more than two million people have read it. "Spring of the Isles" was put on the screen this year, where again it received much praise and is said to be the best film of the year.

The author of the book is Miss Ogawa, and there are many reasons why her book has been so popular. Among these I think most important is the fact that it is full of the humanitarian spirit which is the under-current of Japanese character. The Japanese are in the midst of war. There is all the more reason for us to seek humanitarianism, but that will not explain it all.

To mention a few of the popular books published before Miss Ogawa's there are: Ashihei Hino's "Barley and Soldiers," Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth" and "Disciple," and Eve Curie's "Madame Curie." These are not all exactly of the same type, but all have a familiar sameness in that they deal with truth and love as their theme. I, as an individual, know how keenly and strongly the hearts of the Japanese are seeking for that truth and love.

University Club To Crown Nisei High School Oratorical Champion

U. S. Nisei Oppose Segregated Training in Selective Service

LOS ANGELES. — A situation similar to that in Canada's Pacific province has arisen in the United States over the question of the selective service draft training scheme now under way to provide the nation with the largest peacetime army in history.

The Nisei press generally have interpreted the fact that Japanese and other Orientals would not be called in the Army's second draft call as the first step in the movement toward segregated training of racial groups.

Army officials in Washington, D.C., have declared that conscripts answering the second draft call due between January 20 and February 3, must be Occidentals, since separate facilities for soldiers of other races are not yet available. Negroes, Orientals and others, it was noted, were accepted by the army in the initial call last month.

Draft in Third Call

Drafting of these races, officials said, is expected to resume about February 15, when the third call is expected.

These reports seem to indicate that segregation is being planned in the training of Orientals in military service under the draft.

Japanese American Citizens' League officials and other Nisei leaders had expressed apprehension that such a course may be followed by the army as early as last August when the draft proposal was first mentioned.

Ask Equal Basis

At the JACL convention in Portland in September the official delegates passed a resolution wholeheartedly supporting the select-military training service proposal, but specifically asked that the Nisei be allowed to serve on an equal basis and without special treatment in the conscript army.

It was indicated that some sort of protest will be voiced officially by the JACL if the reports from Sacramento on the Washington army orders are confirmed.

Many Nisei in all communities along the Pacific coast have been taking physical examinations, answering questionnaires and have received cards certifying them as 1-A or No. 1 eligibles for training.

A recent news article told of a plan to form a Nisei company of National Guard in this city.

According to Dr. M. M. Nakadate, sponsor of the move, it was said to be "an opportunity for Nisei to learn military tactics as well as to show their loyalty at this time when such a demonstration can prove to the American public just how we stand and feel."

James Sugioka, national executive secretary of the JACL, in a letter to Dr. Nakadate this week protested against the idea of a separate Nisei group. He wrote:

"It seems to me that this is no time to segregate the Nisei from any other American group. We as Nisei clearly understand that segregation has brought misunderstanding, and an attempt of this sort to breach further the opportunity of intermingling with the rest of the racial groups is just an added stigma to the Nisei.

"Without question, the loyalty of the Americans of Japanese ancestry has been proved by their active participation in all of the activities connected with our national welfare, and certainly the forming of a separate racial block of the military order of guards is no way to show loyalty to our nation," Sugimoto declared.

He concluded the letter saying:

"Within the hearts of every Nisei is a knowledge that they are Americans and want to serve their nation if need be at any time and under any circumstances as Americans, and not as a branch unit divorced from the homogeneous group of the citizens of our United States of America."

Nemichi Challenge Trophy At Stake

By F. F. Y.

Extra! Extra! Extra! Announcing the fourth annual Oratorical Contest for Nisei High School students to be held in the Japanese Hall, February 8.

Once again the University Japanese Students' Club has the privilege of sponsoring an oratorical contest for budding orators to express on a public platform their ideas and opinions. Once again that coveted Nemichi Challenge Trophy, symbolic of high school oratorical supremacy and won last year by Britannia's Martha Kayahara, will be awarded to the best speaker of the evening.

Medals will also be awarded to the top-ranking speakers.

The contest is open to all students in British Columbia High Schools, grades 9 to 12 inclusive. Speeches may be on any topic of general interest, and in the English language. The time limit is from seven to ten minutes. Entries should be submitted as soon as possible to David Shiozaki, 341 East Hastings St.

Aspiring orators are requested to send in their entries immediately, as the number of speakers will be limited. February 1 has been set as the deadline for entries, and speakers are requested to fill out the following form:

ENTRY FORM

Name (in full): ____________

Address: ____________

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Grade: ____________

F. D. R. Writes To Little Nisei Girl

Little Marcie Teshima of San Juan, California, is only a 5th grade student, but she is already a dyed - in - the - wool American. What is more, she is an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt. Last November 5, after the presidential election, little Marcie sat down and wrote a letter to the President congratulating him on his re-election.

One day this week little Marcie, who had almost forgotten about the letter, received a letter bearing the White House address. It was from Stephen Early, the President's secretary. It read:

"My dear Marcie: The President has asked me to tell you that he is very grateful for your nice letter of congratulations. He is indeed appreciative."

Little Marcie, beaming with pride, read the letter to her 5th grade class this week.

"Heaven On Earth"

Powell Y.P. Seeks Drama Honours

A side-splitting comedy plus an able and experienced cast has already established the Powell Young People's Society as heavy favourites to repeat their smashing triumph in the annual Drama Festival of the Greater Vancouver Young People's Union, to be held this year early in February.

Entering the festival last year for the first time, the local Nisei group carried off the championship for Vancouver against a dozen Occidental Societies, while Aki Hyodo captured the Percy Gomery Cup for the best individual performance in the festival.

This year's play, "Heaven on Earth" is rated by critics to be a much superior play to "First Class Matter" presented last year.

Aki Hyodo and Koto Yatabe, feminine stars, will lead the cast of Henry Ide, Margaret Hayashi and Dan Washimoto in seeking to retain the Piggly Wiggly Challenge Trophy. Rose Castellani, well-known member of Carleton Clay's Attic Players, is directing the production.

Nisei Team Meets St. Andrews In Debate

Powell Y. P. will play hosts to St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church in the first round of the annual debate tournament sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Young People's Union this coming Sunday evening at the Powell Church.

The Society will also present a concert, including two plays and a musical program, at the Japanese Hall, on March 8, it was announced.

Henry Ide, former U.B.C. debater, and Norah Fujita, accomplished Niseiette orator, will represent the local society against St. Andrew's-Wesley, taking the affirmative of the resolution, "Resolved that the Young People's Societies should follow the program of activity outlined in the Pathfinder (Official organ)."

At a later date, Charlie Kadota and Frances Fukushima will represent the Society, debating away from home on the negative side of the question.

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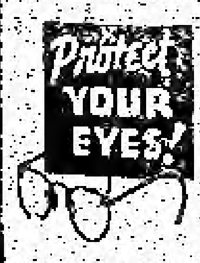

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"Going home...."

"Going home" is not exactly what it is "cracked up" to be. It is, in reality, when all the sentimental trappings are torn away, but a sudden, painful process whereby one realizes how swiftly and completely life fills in the gap left in a small community by an individual who has, at one time, harbored the illusion that he was an integral and a necessary part of what he lovingly terms "the home town."

Why an individual, at some time or another, and more especially during some festive occasion like Yuletide, yearns to go back to the hinterlands from whence he migrated, is somewhat of a mystery. Perhaps it is the ego in him that turns his footsteps toward a pilgrimage home—back to the halcyon days, safe within the four walls that constitute "home," where Tommy, Dickie, or Harry is seen through prejudiced but loving eyes as the last hope of the family, a bit of "all right," grown a little older, and a little taller, and infinitely wiser, maybe.

THE SAME LOVING WAYS

And so he goes home. And he finds the folks just the same as when he left; full of the same gossip, the same stories, and the same loving ways. Perhaps Dad is a little grayer, a little slower in his gait, but he still enjoys a good tale and a glass of beer. And Ma is brisk as ever, although perhaps her eyesight isn't exactly what it used to be. Kid sister now has a beau and kid brother towers several inches above him. The folks haven't changed much; and Ma's pies are better than ever.

But one cannot exist on pies alone, no matter how well Ma bakes them. Soon the pilgrim home begins his jaunt around the old familiar sights, and then the trouble begins.

The old church building is still there. He pauses a moment to watch the youngsters doing the self-same things he did; and for an instant his mind reverts back to the time when another group of youngsters, himself at the helm, saw their way to a long-awaited moment when they were crowned with laurel while the sweet sound of applause drummed in their ears. He had thought, egoist that he is, that he would always be a vital part of that building's history, that building's welfare. He realizes with a pang that its days go on pretty much in an ordered pattern without his assistance—in fact it is doing very nicely without his assistance.

The old orchard still exists. He remembers those furtive trips over the forbidden wall while his confreres stood on guard to give him the distress signal if old Jackson appeared on the scene. The trees still exist, but lopped of their generous branches, clipped to a regular pattern, enclosed by a board fence and the sign, "Trespassers will be prosecuted." The old playing field is now a garage site; the old ramshackle barn is no more.

A COUPLE SILLY KIDS

He seeks human company to dispel the loneliness which threatens to descend upon him. And he finds that the girl whom he used to know, the girl with the long pig-tails, and the gold band across her front teeth, the girl for whom he bought strawberry sundaes, is now either a happy, plumpish matron pushing a perambulator, or a sophisticated miss who reminds you of those tender days with "Weren't we a couple of silly kids."

And the old group has changed. Year by year, one by one, the old gang dwindles; and like an intruder in its midst, some young kid, suddenly grown to manhood, will hold out his hand with a grin, to greet him with "Remember me? I'm so and so's kid brother. You used to teach me Sunday School!"

And the disillusioning process is complete. Suddenly, all the attempts to re-enter the past become futile. He is not old, but he feels curiously, strangely, "old," and definitely out of place.

And the hum and the noise, the bustle and the struggle of the city become infinitely dear to him, and it comes rather as a surprise, this realization that "Home" is where one hangs his hat, rolls up his shirtsleeves and takes the present on the chin.

Yes, the "joy" of going home is not what it's "cracked up" to be.

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Water 'neath the Bridge...

By T. M. K.

As I sit here trying to write this column, Enesco's Rumanian Rhapsody is playing beside me. Its colour and rhythm beat in my ears, and find an echo in my heart. My toes twitch to swing in gypsy abandon; I seem to see in my mind's eye the flying skirts and leaping dancers, coquettish glances, passionate hearts of the peasant revellers of a forgotten age.

Here I make my first resolution for the New Year, one that I hope to keep even if I break all the others.

I resolve not to forget that in spite of the hurly-burly of rushing around daily, the war and its terrors, politicians and their peccadillos, there is beauty in this old world; beauty everywhere if one but takes the trouble to see it.

If I see only the horrors of war in its present devastation can I look forward to the future vision of a world rebuilt again to beauty? There is always tomorrow. If I am angry only at those who would hurt us, if I brood on our humiliations to the exclusion of other thoughts, can I see the smiles of our warm friends, the beautiful shape of blossoming men and women among the Niseis? If I feel only the monotonous routine of our day-to-day existence, can I feel the beauty and lift of vibrant nature around me? If I hear only the meaningless noises that beat on the ear, can I hear beauty in such music as I am listening to now?

It is so easy to become discouraged and morose . . . . too easy to wish for things beyond our means, and to feel cheated when we cannot attain day-dream fulfilments. I think of all the things I wanted and could not get; I think of all the thousand-and-one dreams that somehow went astray. If I were to dwell on such thoughts too long I might miss the one dream that would come true beautifully among others that will not.

What's done is done. It may have been a mistake to make the mind wince at remembrance; it may have been a clumsy blunder, a misplaced trust. Whatever it was, it is past. There isn't much sense in mooning over mistakes, if one doesn't learn to avoid them the next time. If one cannot wholly forget the past, at any rate let us not blind ourselves to the life ahead — as full and satisfying as we make it.

Let me see beauty in the sounds and scenes and life that flows along, "though men may come and men may go!"

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INLAND SEA, JAPAN

The green gauze folds of the mountains
Are creased on the sky,
In humps like darkened whales.
The islands float, swimming.
Sampan sails are cut
With arrows of sharp white light on the blue.
The voices of the fishermen drift softly,
Like the movement of the fan-shaped clouds.

—M. M. M.

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

It happened one night! Soft candlelight . . . the tinkle of glass . . . the low murmur of voices, intimate, restful . . . And he was a well-known man-about-town, assured, debonair, with a touch of worldliness. And I, being Cinderella, with a column to fill, (I'm that much married to my job!) took the liberty to overstep the coventional to ask a favour.

And so, may I present our guest columnist — Prince Charming.

"It Happened One Night"—it usually does—these things—and don't get me wrong — talking with Cinderella that night, in one of my bursts of generosity, I stuck my tongue out too far — promising to pinch hit for her one of these days. Gentleman (?) that I am — the readers of this column must bear with me the griefs and woes that I bring out.

It all started so innocently with a question from Cinderella — "What do you think of Nisei girls in general?" That was easy—they being individuals as much as we — such generalization was impossible and would be not fair to you girls. (You feminine readers pardon my male ego.)

But this does not stop me from picturing my dream girl — my Snowwhite — the ideal of my day — dreaming and hoping — any resemblance to individuals living or dead is purely coincidental. I've been accused at times by such an august individual as your editor of being very sentimental — maybe I am — though I pride myself as being a very practical nobody — a trait no one seems to credit me with — worse luck! Still . . . one man's opinion is never the majority — I'll leave it to you to decide and let me know your decision — address all fan mail to Prince Charming in care of Cinderella.

Five feet one or two inches — and a 100 to 110 pounds — a little bit on the plump side, I assure you — but the trend on Broadway is likewise and who am I to contradict it — NO! not the Mae West type — a thousand times NO! More in the line of the gay caballero returning from Rio de Janeiro, singing ". . . not thin and yet not too much meat . . ." just enough so that when you hold her close there is a definite repose —not just a bony structure that is needed to keep her vitals together.

Her looks? Yes, revealing character and individualism — it makes beauty all the more desirable — but a minor point — for looks are only skin deep (?) — and after marriage, when you see her day in and day out (nites also) — it becomes a very insignificant asset. Compatibility to looks any day! Besides, any girl has some one feature that is very attractive and appealing — be it her lips, eyes, teeth, hair, or her smile — it is for her to make the most of that feature — which brings us to the next point — practicality — a quality by which they claim "a woman can make or break a man."

Scholastic education is no criterion of her general intelligence. She must be able to converse in Japanese as well as in English — cook both types of meals — I'm still Japanese enough to crave my rice — I said COOK, not out of cans! She must be up with Emily Post in all her doings — eat, dress, walk, sit, converse, and in general, act like a lady — all these, yes — but God forbid that which gives an impression that the whole thing is "put on."

"Clothes make the man" — true, very true, and the old adage applies also to women — much more so, in my belief. She must be able to note critically her deficiencies as well as her good points — wear her clothes, her hair, her make-up to accentuate the good and minimize the bad —dress neatly—at times, strikingly, but never flashily.

Now, what have I done! All complaints and razzberries will you please address to Cinderella — if perchance orchids are to be thrown, I'll take care of that. Your enclosure of picture and phone number will be treated with the utmost secrecy!

Since I've stuck my head out this far, I might as well go the limit and tell you girls what I don't like about you. No, I don't mean you, or you, or even you — just the things that embarrass a boy . . .

Run down heels and crooked stocking seams.
Slips that show — our disgust!
Colour combination, yes, like a fire sale.
Dirty nails, bitten and colored carmine,
This is enough to make anybody sick. . .

But

With war-paint dabbed on like stage make-up,
Chewing gum incessantly, vigorously, ferociously
Blabbing and blabbing like a nincompoop
We ask — what is the world coming to?

Look yourselves over girls, and check all evils, 'cause you won't keep your boyfriend, if these things keep up for long. Yet . . .

". . . you may not be an angel,
But I'm sure you'll do,
So until the day my dream girl comes along
I'll string along with you."

P.S. — The best of luck, Prince Charming.

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Town Topics ...

ALOHA OE

Miss Beverley Yamamoto, accompanied by her brother Mitsuo, was sightseeing in the city during the year-end. Hailing from the sun-kissed palm-clad isle of Hawaii, they were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. K. Suehiro of Coquitlam, during the yuletide.

Miss Yamamoto, after graduation from high school in Hawaii, studied four years in Tokyo, and is now planning to attend the University of California in Berkeley, while Mitsuo will enroll in a junior business college in San Francisco.

VACATIONING

Christmas vacationing at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Yamaoka, is Miss Setsu Yamaoka, home for a brief respite after a busy semester at University of California. She intends to leave by bus on January 16 to resume her studies in optometry.

PAGING MR. STORK

A few days behind New Year himself, a wee baby girl made a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. Ebata, 999 Granville Street, on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Mrs. Ebata was the former Miss Shizuko Shimizu of Victoria. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely, thank you.

ROLLER FEST

Happyland will be filled with laughter, fun and frolic when the Powell Y.P.S. Badminton Club and their friends roll round and round on fibre wheels at the biggest skatefest of the New Year on Monday, January 13, from 8 p.m. at Happyland. Only 35c for three hours of solid fun, so don't miss this event!

THE CURTAIN RISES

January 11 is theatre night in Vancouver's Japanese community. Catholic Mission will make its bow before the public in the church hall with a full programme of dances, odoris, vocal and piano solos. The highlight of the evening will be a three-act comedy "Osoroi Kekkon."

On the same evening, at the Japanese Hall, the Meiwa Gakuen Ijikai will present "Mother," a four-act tragedy, adapted by Shiro Ogihara from a Japanese ballad from the pen of Ungetsu Tenchuken. The second feature will be "Futari Baori," laugh-provoking one-act comedy.

Make reservations to attend one of these two programmes.

ENGAGEMENT

At a small private party at the Fuji on Wednesday, January 8 the engagement was announced of Shizue, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ikebuchi, to Hiroshi, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kutsukake. The go-betweens for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. M. Yanagisawa.

REUNION

After an extended stay in the city, renewing old friendships, Mr. George Hinaga, former Asahi baseball player, left for his home in San Jose, California.

KYUHIN SEINENKAI

At the recent elections of the Kyuhin Seinenkai, held at the Fuji, Mr. Norio Saga was elected prexy to guide the society through the new term. Mr. Saga succeeds Mr. Y. Murata.

NISEI FELLOWSHIP

The Nisei Christian Fellowship will hold its January meeting this Saturday, January 11, at the Maple Ridge Baptist Church, Haney, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Stewart MacDougall, missionary from Africa.

Niseis able to attend are asked to get in touch with Miss Margaret Ridgway, 1410 E. 12th, FA-0990-M, for transportation. Those living anywhere near the church are specially urged to come.

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Kazuko Kagawa New Hompa YWBA Prexy

Kazuko Kagawa, active Nisei-ette leader, was elected president at the annual election meeting of the Hompa Y.W.B.A. at the Hompa Temple last Sunday.

A review of the year's activity was made in reports from secretary and treasurer, and activity for the forthcoming season discussed.

Assisting Miss Kagawa will be the following executives:

Misao Taguchi, recording secretary; Eileen Shintani, corresponding secretary; Shima Ozawa, treasurer; Hatsuko Shintani and Masako Tanaka, auditors; Miori Miyake and Shizuko Hatanaka, social convenors; Misao Hatanaka, librarian; Marian Higa, dramatic convenor; Teruyo Sugiura, sport captain; and Connie Sakamoto, Harumi Tsukamoto, Nobuko Okuma, councillors.

"What God Expects Of Every Man"

The first Young People's Service for 1941 will be held in the Fairview United Mission (6th Avenue at Columbia) this coming Sunday, January 12, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Takashi Komiyama will preach on "What God expects of every man" — a sermon appropriate for the beginning of a new year.

All young people of the Fairview district as well as young people of other parts of the city are cordially invited to attend these English services whcih are held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings of each month.

"Register"

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voked against the guilty person. At the same time the government will take whatever measures are necessary to see that no loyal and law-abiding Oriental shall be made to suffer in his person or his property through the acts of persons who may be misled and provoked to illegal action by inaccurate rumors and intemperate words such as featured the recent anti-Oriental campaign in British Columbia."

The special investigating committee paid particular attention to the revived charges that many Orientals have entered Canada illegally in recent years. Both the committee and the government were satisfied, King said, that the charges are unjustified, but decided after consultation with leaders of the Japanese community that in order to protect the Japanese themselves and to eliminate any illegal entrants who may in fact be in Canada, that the special registration of members of that race should be carried out in the near future.

Each member of the community will be registered and if found to be legally in Canada will be given certificate and card which will be final proof of his legal residence. The effect of the card would be to exempt him from any further suspicion or annoyance.

As a special registration of Chinese on the West Coast was carried out a few years ago, they will not be included in the present project.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

11—Catholic Concert, Dunlevy Mission.
12—Gakuyukai Annual General Meeting, Japanese School.
13—Powell Y.P.S. Badminton Club Skatefest, Happyland.
11—Meiwa Gakuen Ijikai Plays, Japanese Hall.
11—Nisei Christian Fellowship, Maple Ridge Baptist Church.
18-19—Nisei Talent Revue, Japanese Hall.
10—Rissho New Year Party, Good Eats Cafe, 7.30.

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Hompa Y.M.B.A. To Mark Anniversary

Hompa Y.M.B.A. will celebrate its twentieth anniversary this year with a concert and play to be held early in March, it was decided at the annual election meeting held last Sunday afternoon.

Kato Kenno was elected to the presidency of the association, and will be assisted by the following list of executives:

Harry Kondo, secretary; Koichi Kaminishi, treasurer; Kiyoshi Suga and Shozo Ishikawa, recorders; Toshio Mori, chairman; Tazo Nose, vice-chairman; Tatsuo Kagawa and Don Sugiman, auditors; Jack Kenno, social convenor; Juzo Nishimura, literary; Don Sugiman, sports; Akira Shishido, study; Yoshikazu Nishimura, oratory; Roy Kumano, dramatics; and Charlie Nekoda, Sunday School Supervisor.

The association will also issue a mimeographed magazine, and delegate a speaker to the annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Bussei League.

The business meeting was preceded by a joint service with the Y.W.B.A., and followed by a joint social in the evening.

"Revue"

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attend are warned to secure them early. Sunday's performance, it should be noted, will be at 2:30 p.m. and not in the evening.

Each performance will comprise some 35 numbers, with established artists appearing between groups of amateur vocalists.

Amateur Vocalists

In the Japanese section the following singers will be heard; Nobuko Kikuchi, Riichi Nagata, Kiyoshi Morimoto, Yuriko Matsushita, all of Steveston; Jack Takahashi and Helen Kumagai, New Westminster; Ruriko Okahashi, Port Hammond; and Alice Watanabe, Mary Dalzell, Lily S. Inouye, Betty Machida, Seiji Otani, Tosh Hatanaka, Chiyoichi Inouye, Fusaye Fukushima and Mitsuye Kondo, all of Vancouver.

In the English section are the following, with the titles of the songs: Tameo Fujiwara, "Shall I Compare You"; George Tsuji, "Maybe"; Eiko Iwashita, "Alice Blue Gown"; Eleanor Tsuchiya, "The Day You Came Along"; Maude Okumura, "There I Go"; Kojiro Ebisuzaki, "Trade Winds."

Mush Uyesugi, "Our Love Affair"; Katie Oyama, "Call of the Canyon"; Kaz Haraga, "Sierra Sue"; Kay Toyota, Duncan, "South American Way"; Fudge Toyota, Duncan, "Alexander's Ragtime Band"; and Amy Mitani, Haney, "We Three."

Rissho Y.P. Holds New Year Party

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All of you join in the fun.
Dine and dance till kingdom come,
'Cause our party won't be dumb.

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Ganges Granary

By "The Gleaner"

With many friends in attendance, memorial services were held on November 28-29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Okano, in memory of their late daughter, Sayoko.

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The next meeting of the Canadian Japanese Young People's Society will be held on January 24. Let's see everyone out!

The last meeting held at the vicarage was very well-attended. Rev. Popham gave a very interesting description of the Church.

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Captain and Mrs. V. Best were gracious host and hostess to a gay group of young people at the Christmas party at the "Alders" on December 21. Christmas carolling proved a high point in the evening's fun.

The epidemic of "flu" has hit our community hard, and most of the Nisei have been in bed with it some time or other.

Bloedel Banner

By Co A.

The much anticipated Christmas Cooncert was held in the school on Thursday evening, December 19. Participants ranging from tiny tots to teenaged boys and girls expertly rendered their respective parts featuring solos, duets, dances and Yuletide carols which drew hearty applause from the audience.

After two hours of merry entertainment Santa Claus appeared, drawing a hearty greeting from all. His actions truly symbolized goodwill as he stood by the glittering tree, presenting the children with Christmas gifts and candy.

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Capital City Chatter

By Ioni Gossipe

VICTORIA. — On the night of December 25, the K. of C. Hall was the most popular place in town as a merry crowd danced its cares away at the Annual Christmas Social and Dance sponsored by the Victoria JCCL.

Many "out - of - towners" joined in the fun to the strains of Hughie Gray and his orchestra.

Greetings were announced during the sit-down tea, from the Portland chapter of the JACL and two former members, Victor Kusumoto, now in Japan, and Taro Yoneda, Edmonton, Alta.

The committee receiving bouquets for the success of the affair included Marion Yoneda, Michico Okamoto, George Kuwata, Stum Okamoto, Muneo Kawasoe and Eichi Kondo.

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A large gathering of friends and relatives were on hand when the Victoria Japanese United Church held their annual Christmas concert in the Church Hall, on December 27.

Rev. Y. Ogura acted as chairman and the well-acted program represented much hard work on the part of the Sunday School teachers and their pupils.

Teachers of classes represented were: Mr. and Mrs. Y. Ogura, Misses Laurie, Yukiye Ioi and Marion Yoneda and Sam Okamoto.

A congratulatory speech was given by Rev. W. P. Bunt representing the Home Missions, and the presentations were made by the Rev. Bryce Wallace. A flag ceremony was a highlight of the evening's program.

President Harold Kawasoe extends thanks from the Taiyo Club to the general public for the whole - hearted support tendered them during their recent turkey draw. Lucky winners included: (1) Marion Yoneda; (2) George Kuwata; (3) O. Onishi; (4) M. Kawasoe; (5) T. Ono; (6) M. Kuwata.

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Follow the Birds

Visitors and more visitors here during the holidays: Katsumi, Toshio and Mamoru Uyede home from the Islands; Yukio Takahashi from Seattle; Pat and K. Tsubouchi from Duncan; Margaret and Don Inouye, Hillcrest; Cossy Asada and Toh Ioi, Paldi; Victoria Saito and Kozo Saito, Sooke Lake; Kenji Takata from Ocean Falls; Tak Kuwabara, Port Alberni; and Eiko Henmi, Kunio Shimizu, Saburo Takahashi, Masayuki Ioi, Jimmie Suzuki and Kazuhiko Oyama from Vancouver.

And of course there's that certain quartette of staunch Victorians who are at a loss and to date unable to dig up ample proof that they did not spend Christmas at Ocean Falls . . . shrdlu etaoin!!!

Britannia Bits

By "The Crusher"

"Hello," friends, did you all have your "ozoni" and "sake" on New Year morning? I'm sure you did, so did I. Now, whatever 1941 has in store for us Niseis, whether good or bad, remains to be seen with hopeful courage. Wherever the Niseis may be located, in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island or up the coast in remote villages, I'm sure the spirit of the New Year prevailed most enthusiastically.

Here in Britannia a dance was held on New Year's eve. At the stroke of midnite Ol' Man New Year was welcomed in by the loud resonant powerhouse whistle which reverberated up and down the sound. I'm sure our friendly neighbours to Woodfibre must have had heard the echoes drift across the sound. Here and there throughout the neighbourhood the crackling noise of the firecrackers mingled with gay laughter and hilarious shouting, celebrating the dawn of another year.

The plant here was closed down for a couple of days so that many of the Niseis were able to return home to Vancouver or Steveston. Those who remained in camp, however, mingled with the Occidentals to forget all their solicitudes and work to celebrate the New Year day most enjoyingly.

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A few days ago Britannia lost a valuable man who has taken great interest in the community, Mr. N. A. McLeod, who has faithfully served this company as a metallurgist, left to assume a new position in the East. We wish him lots of success in his future work.

Friends, would you like to have some extra money come in unexpectedly? I presume we all would, but we can't all get the luck. However, the other day, Mr. Sakamoto won the third prize of \$25.00 in the company's Safety First Sweep which ended December 31 for employees who did not lose any time due to any accident from work for a period of 6 months. Well, friends, I see my time is about up, so "Sayonara" and a "Happy New Year" to you all.

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Paldi Parade

By Cossy Asada

Greetings to everyone from Station MBT. I hope that everyone had a grand time during their holidays.

Visitors

Leaving for Vancouver on Monday, January 6, was Miss Jean Urabe who spent her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Urabe of Paldi. Miss Urabe is attending the King Edward High School in Vancouver.

Also visiting his parents here at Paldi was that ever popular Masao Toyota who arrived on New Year's Day but had the misfortune to be laid up with miserable Mr. Flu. After being confined to his bed for three days he was able to get up, and returned January 7 to Vancouver where he is employed by the Union Fish Co. Tough luck, Mas, ol' boy.

Mr. T. Okamoto of Victoria arrived back in Paldi January 3 after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays at his home in Victoria. He also had the misfortune to bump into Ole Man Flu. Maybe you shouldn't buy your medicine before you catch the flu, Tom.

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Cowichan "Song Bird"

According to the latest reports the "Song Bird of Cowichan Valley," Miss "Fudge" Toyota will be journeying to Vancouver on January 18 to take part in the JCCL Amateur Contest taking place the same day. We'll all be pulling for you, "Fudge."

On Saturday, January 4 Mr. T. Toyota of Duncan received injuries to the index finger of his right hand while working at the Mayo Bros. Timber Co. logging operations.

We are glad to announce the recovery of Mrs. J. H. Takarabe (nee Tomiye Toyota) from a throat ailment. She had been confined to the King's Daughters' Hospital at Duncan from December 27 for a week.

East Richo-Chats

By "Chatter"

Hello, folks! Hello! Here I am again after a long absence from these columns, bringing you the lowdown from along the Fraser River. Before you read any further, too, a "Happy New Year" to all.

Nisei Talent Revue

Niseis hereabouts are keenly interested in the forthcoming Nisei Talent Revue, to be held in Vancouver on the 18th and 19th.

Two well-known young artists from the Riverside district are going to pit their talent against the many others in the show. These two popular Niseis, Helen H. Kumagai and Jack S. Takahashi under the able management of S. Y. Sato, are now undergoing practices regularly, so be prepared, folks.

To you, Jack and Helen, we wish you "good luck" and let's hear your voices ring across the continent.

Farewell Party

In honour of two charming young feminine members of our JCCL Chapter, Nobuko and Yasuko Onotera, who sailed for Japan recently, a farewell party was held at the Sunbury Japanese school.

Ninety-nine per cent of our members were present to give our guests a hearty and memorable farewell. Singing and dancing, not mentioning the many enjoyable games were listed on the program under the direction of George Sasaki and Hideo Onotera.

Later in the evening, a picture of our Chapter was taken by Photographer Dave Arikado.

"Bon Voyage" to Nobuko and Yasuko!

Kendo Kettle

The young men of this district are practising the art of kendo tirelessly under the able teaching of Mr. S. Kanno.

Keep an eye on the folk from these parts at the next tournament to be held in Steveston shortly.

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Comfort for Sailors

Letters of thanks arrive at Canadian Red Cross headquarters in London and Canada in a steady stream from the men of the seas. Supplies of woollen comforts and other articles needed by sailors braving icy winds and stormy seas are stored by thousands at Canadian ports and released immediately to crews in urgent need.

One letter said: "May we express our very grateful thanks for the woollen comforts. They are a practical expression of sympathy and interest in the welfare of our brave soldiers on board Minesweeping Vessels. The socks will be much valued by the men and will be a great comfort to them during the winter that is now upon us."

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Hope For Peace In The Pacific

Friendlier relations between Tokyo and Washington are presaged by the appointment of Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura as Japanese ambassador to the U. S. Admiral Nomura, former Foreign Minister, has long been known as one of the most outstanding supporters of the U. S. in Japanese official circles.

The Nature Of Peace

(Arthur E. Morgan in the Christian Science Monitor)

Treaties may record peace, but do not make it. War may break down barriers to peace, but it cannot create it. Peace is harmonious relations among men. Goodwill toward men, expressed in action and attitude, is not a pious wish, but the essential condition of peace.

The chief weakness of America has been, not lack of arms, but inconsiderateness, selfishness, and bad manners; insensitiveness to the normal cravings and aspirations of men and nations less fortunate than ourselves.

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America is favored by nature. Nowhere else on earth is there so great an area with favourable climate, fertile soil, vast forests, extremely varied and abundant mineral wealth, uncrowded population, and natural protection from enemies.

With this chance good fortune, Americans take an attitude of superiority toward other people which not only has left us almost friendless among the nations but has created serious internal stresses. The American Negro, still thought of as happy and carefree, is coming to have a deep-rooted, almost universal bitterness at the indignity and discrimination which has been his lot. Incited by Nazi propaganda, people of colored blood in nations to the south favor Germany because they do not want to be under American control and subject to that indignity.

From Eastern and Southern Europe hundreds of thousands of people came to America full of zeal for democracy, but returned home with memories of treatment as inferiors—socially avoided, herded in slums or in box-car bunk houses at railway sidings. Some thus treated who did not return home constitute a "dangerous" element in our national life.

Latin Americans are aware that to us they are "inferiors", to be traded with but not to be lived with. Underneath their courtesy is deep resentment at our attitude. For generations Germans have gone to Latin America to live, buying whatever was for sale, supplying just what was wanted, sharing the life about them. Americans have not. Not condescending, money-lending diplomacy in emergency can displace such long-time friendly relations.

America could so have controlled Japanese immigration as to maintain mutual respect and goodwill. Instead, with bad manners, we humiliated a people which in some ways had a culture far older and more refined than our own. Japan never forgot.

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Peace is not primarily the product of armies or of government, but of individuals in their daily living. Some of the ablest, most powerful, and yet most anti-American men in Mexican public life were educated in the United States, and felt the sting of treatment as inferiors. Exactly the same is true of Japan.

Great issues will remain long after the present emergency is past. Each one of us in his personal relations is helping to build or to postpone enduring peace.

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It's A Question Of Loyalty

(Condensed excerpts from an article "Yellow Peril on the Pacific Coast" in the Ottawa Evening Citizen.)

Now there is the economic side. The Japanese is a clever gardener and he can apparently get more out of the soil. This is possibly because he puts more into it. He puts not only more fertilizer, more care into it, but longer hours. They bend their short saffron spines longer hours over a few square feet of black mulch than our whites will. I cannot say you can blame a yellow man for working hard, and a white man for taking it easy. Both have their good points, and both races know how they want to take life, but you know, as well as I do, that the Japanese fellow is going to win out in any agricultural race of this kind. The white man folds up and gets off the land, and another Jap takes it over, and makes it pay where the Canadian fails. Whose fault is that? And what can anybody do about it?

I suppose my kick, and your kick is this: In the last analysis you cannot stop this agricultural invasion, but you are concerned first, in where it is going to end, and these days you are wondering how loyal are these people. I wish I knew, and so does everybody else.

Well then, we are not blaming the Japanese entirely. We cannot blame him for being Japanese. Because he has his wife here, the Japanese population is growing and you can't censure the Japanese from having a family. In other words, if the fellow is loyal about all you can criticize him for is for being Japanese, and that after all is not an indictable crime.

On the good side of the ledger are some points too. First of all I have said the Japanese was an industrious farmer. As for fishing he is the same. They tell me, and here I am quoting other authorities and can't prove what I say, that when whites won't go out fishing unless the fish almost leap into their boats, the Japs will really get out and hustle and literally comb the depths for a catch. Here again, the yellow fellow is the harder worker, and in a sense, the better man. And when you eat a fish in the Vancouver Hotel, you really and truly don't care if it was caught by a man with a white skin or a yellow; in fact, it is doubtful if you ever think of his skin at all.

The Japanese are apparently fair business men, although the Chinaman I think is a lot better. What's more, the Chinaman can smile.

I want to pay tribute to the Japanese at school. They learn, and they learn well. They top classes in the public school, then go on and win scholarships at the high school. But they do not stop there, and when they enter the University of British Columbia, they take the academic hurdles as if they weren't there. The girls dress in the latest scanty fashion, the men as to wardrobe are what a young college chap should look like. How can you keep people like this down?

Loyalty — that is another matter, and if we could only find out how the Japanese stand, it would be better. My guess is that some are and some aren't. If we fight Japan, it is going to be easy to spot the Japanese and lock them up, the only trouble being that the innocent and the guilty will be herded together.

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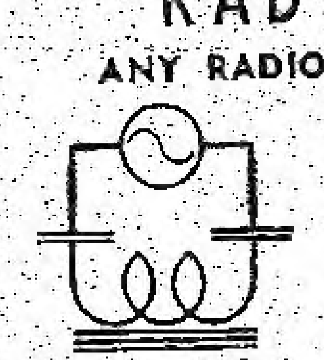
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Hinaga Hot As Maikawas Hand League Leaders First Defeat, 24-20

M&N Squad Registers First Win of Season

After hectic festive celebrations such as we have had during the past two weeks, the games played for a couple of weeks after may not always produce the highest calibre of play. Such was the case last Tuesday as the senior boys tangled it out in the first game of the new year.

Both senior tilts started off raggedly and seemed destined to end up in one of those unbearable-to-watch mixups, but the Harry-Maikawa scrap wound up in a rip-roaring finish that had the fans roaring approval and also saw the first defeat of the season for Harry's as Maikawas nosed out a 24-20 triumph.

Simultaneously the hard-luck M & N squad led by fast-dribbling George Suzuki started the year off on the right leg by chalking up their first victory of the 1940-41 basketball season by trouncing the Intermediate All-Stars 35-28.

Led by George Hinaga, the visiting San Jose smoothie who took the place of injured Kaz Suga, Maikawas looked like an entirely new team, showing fleeting moments of their last year's form. Manager Michi Ashikawa had his men sit on ace sniper Shig Ashikawa so closely that the usual two-figure scorer could only pot two baskets and two penalty shots for a total of 6. Fiery Joe Akiyama on the sick list was sorely missed by his teammates who seemed completely lost without Joe barking orders at them from guard position.

Slow Tussle

The M & N-All-Star tussle was a very poor game, and was relieved from boredom only by the sensational sniping of George Suzuki who worked himself in for 15 points. The Intermediates were way off form and all their former smart teamwork was missing. Their enthusiasm and unequalled speed were all there, but their shooting was way below par. Slippery Sub Miike was the only one really going to town for the Intermediates, potting in 12 points.

Intermediates Return With Lopsided Scores

Uninteresting and lopsided scores featured the intermediate card this week as the squads stale from the long layoff once again swung into action.

The most terrific beating of all was the Marpole massacre of Ernies. The town boys cooked up a nice fat lead of 12-4 in the first canto but soon fell back as sharpshooting Sub Miike, going into the game from the second quarter swished in 27 points to put the game on ice for the Marpole lads 60-30. Kiyoshi Suga led Ernies with 16.

Another sorry sight was the massacre of Nippatsu's by the Nomads. Nomads led by a junior star Kiyoshi Maikawa set the Nippatsu's farther into the cellar by a 25-9 beating. Morito and Yamashita were the only ones able to score a basket for the boat-building crew.

Taking an early lead the strong East End Monarchs breezed in easy victors over the Celtics 39-19. Smoothie Toru Tokawa enjoyed one of his "on" days and sank in 18 points.

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Cardinals Drop First Cage Tilt to Sharp-Shooting Blubelles

Kaz Suga's red shirted Cardinals relinquished their sole possession of the cagette league's top rung last Wednesday when the Blubelles handed them their first stinging setback since the formation of league in a 32-15 shellacking.

The red shirts playing with only five girls throughout the game failed to hit their usual fast pace and were powerless to stop the onrushing blue shirts led by a trio of sharpshooters, May Yoshinaka, Haruko Maruno and Marge Kusakabe who powered in 10, 9 and 8 points respectively.

The star of the international tilt, Akiko Yoshinaka and left-handed Florence Ikeda performed well for the losers, sinking 6 points apiece, but their sole efforts proved fruitless against the accurate shooting Blubelles.

Bluebelles—Miyasaki, Maruno 8, Kawajiri 1, Horisaki 2, Haraga 2, M. Yoshinaka 10, Kusakabe 9—32.

Cardinals—F. Ikeda 6, Ota 1, Yoshinaka 6, Uyeno 1, Isuzaki 2—15.

Score by Quarters:

Bluebelles	4	15	26	32
Cardinals	2	10	15	15

Strathconas Chalk Up Fourth Win In GVAA League

Strathcona, th eJapanese entry in the G.V.A.A. Badminton League, climbed once more on their win-wagon after losing their last game against the Die-Hards by outshutting Ryerson 11-5 for their fourth win in six starts.

Playing true to form, the Nippon's men's doubles proved too classy for the cellar-position church group and had no difficulty in making a clean sweep of their series. Mat Matsui-Tommy Iwasaki and Johnny Ernie Arikado made up the strong men's doubles.

The ladies' doubles, Pat Kawajiri-Hide Hyodo and Mary Nishikawara-Fumi Deshima met with hard luck again and were able to score only one point.

With the current season just started the Japanese League shuttlers have a long way to go. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

January
13. Y.P.S. v. GYK
13. Strathcona v. Steveston
20. Strathcona v. GYK
20. Steveston v. Maple Ridge
27. Y.P.S. v. Strathcona

February
3. Steveston v. GYK
3. Y.P.S. v. Maple Ridge
10. Strathcona v. Maple Ridge
10. Y.P.S. v. Steveston
17. GYK vs. Y.P.S.
17. Steveston v. Strathcona
24. GYK v. Strathcona
24. Maple Ridge v. Steveston

Ski Trails!

Rokka Club Due For Annual Tourney

To our many friends both in and out of town, we trust they have had a most enjoyable holiday and we wish them the best of luck for the year 1941.

Last Sunday, the first Sunday of the New Year, was greeted with a record snowfall and the largest attendance of ski enthusiasts of the season. With nearly 5 feet of snow at the Chalet and a foot and a half at the Fuji Ski Camp, the plankers skied well into the dark.

Although the skiing conditions were ideal, the deep fresh snow made some spots very tricky and claimed our first casualties. Bill Yasui sustained a sprained ankle and Ko Ebisuzaki broke his ski tip.

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N. W. Tournament

A few days ago, a letter of acceptance was received to our invitation to the Seattle Rokka Ski Club to participate in the Third Annual Pacific Northwest Japanese Ski Championship.

According to Lincoln Beppu a record crowd is anticipating the trip across the border since the date set coincides with George Washington's birthday, February 22.

The Executives of the local club will meet sometimes next week to make final arrangements for the meet which promises to feature many thrills.

The local plankers will start this week-end in picking the team for this event. Although it will change from week to week according to the progress of each skier, the team will be chosen from such top-notchers as Tom Hatanaka, Otto Matsui, Frank Hatanaka, Ty Sugimoto, Dick Matsui, Sam Hagino and Bob Yasui.

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Sport SPOTLITE

The gayest and the most festive days of the year have come and gone, and most of us are none the worse for the hectic days spent. Dazedly we go back to our different occupations trying to recall what happened during the somewhat foggy holidays.

One thing I remember somewhat vaguely is the Seattle hoopla invasion which took place some time between Christmas and New Year, and another thing I remember is that the locals were outclassed by the Seattleites. The Vancouver Nippons were able to nose out Hornets last year in our small gym, but even the unaccustomed gym failed to handicap the visiting buzzers as they sped to victory.

The girls' game was a little better than last year. The locals lost by a mere point. But even if our girls had licked the Seattle cagettes there would have been no pleasure derived from the victory since most of the stars of the opposition couldn't make the trip. Despite that fact the locals missed the best chance they ever had for a victory.

TING! TING!

If you happen to be watching the game at the local gym and a bright red clock on the timers' bench catches your eye, don't be alarmed. We're not so hard up as to use Mr Akiyama's castaway alarm clock to keep time. It's a brand new, bright red kodak stop-clock which was presented to the local league by the Seattle Hornets on their recent visit here.

George Hinaga is the most eagle-eyed ref ever seen around these parts. He just calls everything in sight from broken dribbles, slapping, charging, blocking to heckling. If Hinaga and our former ace ref Eddy Ide superintended all the games the whistle would be peeping continually.

But you ought to have seen George Hinaga play. He's good, all right, but rough, phew! If he had a twin brother tooting the whistle, the San Jose flash would have flashed out of the game in the first ten minutes of the game. He's a very aggressive player and a hard checker, sometimes I think he checks too hard. He was getting away with murder, but genial Mr Akiyama with true Canadian hospitality overlooked many penalties and allowed Hinaga to play right through to the finish his last game in Vancouver before starting for home.

BADMINTON BANTER

Commencing next week, Japanese Badminton League games will be played on Monday instead of Thursday and vice-versa all GVAA games will be played on Thursday. The next city match will be against the league-leading Shaughnessy Bees on the 23rd of January. At present the Strathconians are well ahead of the pack in the C division and place fourth in the combined B and C Divisions.

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